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REMARKS

Claim 23 has been amended to overcome the rejections under Sections 102, 103 and 112, and the double patenting rejection.

In claim 23, the acrylate ester has been limited to a methyl acrylate or a butyl acrylate, for which support is found at paragraph [0036] of the Specification.

In claim 23, the core diameter has been limited to 1.542 inches to 1.572 inches, and the cover thickness has been limited to 0.054 inch to 0.069 inch, for which support is found at paragraph [0069] of the Specification.

In claim 23, the golf ball hardness has been limited to 74, 75, 77, 78, 79 or 80, for which support is found at Tables 8 and 9 of the Specification.

Claim 23 has also been amended to have the cover comprise two or more soft ionomers and the hard ionomers have been limited to a sodium, zinc or magnesium salt of the copolymer.

It is believed that amended claim 23 is patentable over the prior art. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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